

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-36 were filed with the application. No amendments were entered under PCT Article 19 or 34. Applicants have herein above cancelled claims 1-25, and 31-33, without prejudice or loss of the right to reinstate those claims. Claims 37-41 have been newly added. Claims 28-29, 30, 34, 36 have been amended. Following entry of the amendments, claims 26-30 and 34-41 will be pending and at issue.

Support for newly added claims 37-41 is to be found *inter alia* in original claims numbered 25, 31, 31, 32 and 33, respectively. Amendments were made to claims 28-29, 30, 34, 36 to merely delete multiple dependent claims in the international application. No new matter has been added and entry is respectfully requested.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to include the priority claim and continuation data. Therefore, no new matter is added and entry is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (415) 875-2316.

Respectfully submitted,
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